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FOR AGRICULTURE PASS AMS GRAIN & FEED DIV. FOR NOVOTNY
AND PENCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAGR

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF GRAIN CORN PRODUCTION IN POLAND

1. DURING A VISIT TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TODAY
27 FEB 76, THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE WAS INFORMED BY MINAG
OFFICIALS THAT ONE OF THE SOLID DEVELOPMENTS OF MINISTER
BARCIKOWSKI'S 1975 VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IS A NOW
ALMOST-FIRM COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH CORN PRODUCTION
SYSTEM, INC. (CPS) OF ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS FOR THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF GRAIN CORN PRODUCTION IN POLAND.

2. CPS APPARENTLY SENT A TEAM OF SPECIALISTS TO POLAND
IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1975 TO TAKE SOIL SAMPLES AND GATHER
OTHER DATA. THE COMPANY REPORTEDLY HAS PRESENTED ITS
FINDINGS TO THE GOP AND THEY HAVE MUTUALLY AGREED TO MOVE
FORWARD ON THE PROJECT. CPS IS SET TO PREPARE, OR IS
PREPARING, A FEASIBILITY STUDY AT A REPORTED COST TO THE GOP OF
\$100 THOUSAND.

3. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PROJECT THE GOP IS MAKING AVAILABLE
50 THOUSAND HECTARES OF STATE FARM LANDS, AND IS HOPEFUL THAT
ACTUAL WORK ON THE PROJECT CAN BEGIN WITHIN THE NEXT SEVEN TO
NINE MONTHS.

4. MINAG OFFICIALS, NOTING CPS'S SUCCESSFUL ROLE IN HELPING CONVERT
HUNGARY FROM AN IMPORTER TO AN EXPORTER OF GRAIN CORN, ALLOWED
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THAT WHILE POLAND'S CLIMATIC AND SOIL CONDITIONS WERE NOT AS

FAVORABLE AS HUNGARY'S, THERE WAS HOPE THAT CPS COULD DEVELOP
A GRAIN CORN HYBRID SUITABLE FOR POLAND.

5. U.S. CORN EXPORTS TO POLAND IN CY 1975 EXCEEDED \$142 MILLION.

6. WILL ADVISE OF DEVELOPMENTS.
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